

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Applicants appreciate the interview with the Examiner on May 17, 2010, where certain claim limitations were discussed. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,158,573 to Hershbarger. Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hershbarger, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,369,378 to Kosaka. Claims 2 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hershbarger, as applied to claims 1 and 8, and in view of Kosaka. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 8, 15 and 17 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to advance prosecution by further clarifying additional inventive features. All pending claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

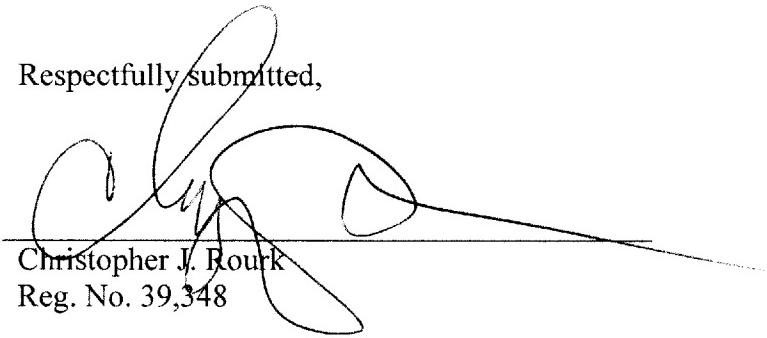
If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 953-5990 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No fee is believed due with this response. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Jackson Walker L.L.P. No. 10-0096.

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